

# The City of Morgantown

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## **Media Guide**

Hello, and thank you for your interest in the City of Morgantown! My name is Susan Sullivan, and I'm the Public Communications Manager. This media guide was created as a compilation of contacts, resources, and information that would help any reporter or student journalist find their way through our municipal government I hope it can be of some help to you during your time reporting in Morgantown.

The Communications Office is responsible for sending out media releases, resources, and shared publicationss, all of which may be a potential story; however, it is not necessary to contact me first to pursue it. If you receive a press release about a weekend fire, for instance, you may directly contact the Fire Department during the hours listed without having to go through my office first.

Attached, you'll find a Resource Page with a list of my outgoing avenues. This includes:

- **City of Morgantown** on Facebook
- @Morgantown\_WV on Twitter
- subscribe to City of Morgantown on YouTube or Google+
- City Meeting Audio on iTunes just search for City of Morgantown
- **Council Connection** A wealth of information for those interested in a quick glance at what happened.
- Morgantown News & Neighborhood Newsletter summarizes what's coming up for the City on the Friday before a City Council meeting
- Comcast Channel 15 Morgantown's Government Access Channel
- **Granicus,** Morgantown's Streaming Video Archive

You can find links to all of this on the city's website, MorgantownWV.gov.

The next page is a City Hall Directory, so you know where to find your contact. After that is a City Organizational Chart, which can help you understand the municipal hierarchy, and a City Councilor Contact List.

The last pages are helpful contact information for adjacent municipalities, Public Safety departments, and City services that fall under the purview of the City.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you have, or if you'd like to get more acquainted with our city and its administrators. I can't wait to serve you!

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Susan Sullivan Public Communications Manager













## MorgantownWV.gov

- Meeting Agendas
- Council information

Council Connection

- Municipal Codes
- Citizens Request Manager
- Nixle Alerts
- eNewsletters
- Granicus Video
- Master City Meeting Calendar
- City Departments and their respective

contacts, forms, program information

- Press Releases
- Film Permitting Info
- Coming soon: Business 101

#### **RSS Feeds**

- Get notified of any new posts on the city's website by adding the news page link to your Google Reader, Feedly, or any other RSS Feed program

#### **eNewsletter**

Sign up at morgantownwv.gov> Government > Depts. > Communications > Morgantown Monthly

- Council Connection news from CC Meetings
- Neighborhood Notices
- Public Safety Reports & Statistics
- Airport News
- City Manager Notes
- Planning, Development information
- City Program updates

Neighborhood eNewsletter

Sign up at

morgantownwv.gov>Residents>Neighborhood eNewsletter

- Submitted Neighborhood Events
- Pictures & Videos from events
- Good News
- News that may impact neighborhoods
  - Neighborhood Notices
  - Public Safety
  - Paving Projects
  - Development

#### **NIXLE**

Text "Morgantown" to 888777 to sign up Or visit local.Nixle.com/city-of-morgantown

- MUB Work
- Public Works Road Closures
- Emergency Communications

## The City of Morgantown

389 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505 www.morgantownwv.gov

Text "Streetscape" to 888777 for Streetscape Construction Notices

#### **COMCAST Channel 15**

- Live Meetings
- Meeting Agendas and Changes

City Council Planning BZA

- Program Info and Event Details
- Job Postings
- Neighborhood Associations
- BOPARC Information

#### **Granicus**

http://morgantown.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php? view id=2

 Video of public meetings held in Council Chambers

#### YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/cityofmorgantown

- Morgantown Minutes
- News Now clips from City Council Meetings

#### **iTunes**

itunes.com/CityofMorgantown

- Podcasts of public meetings held in Council Chambers

## Facebook & Google+

http://www.facebook.com/CityofMorgantown

- Meeting Agendas and Changes
- Links to Program Info and Event Details
- Job Postings
- News from MorgantownWV.gov
- Pictures of Events/News
- Share information, pictures, events from related accounts

## **Twitter**

http://www.twitter.com/Morgantown\_WV

- Retweet local events info from related accounts

- Meetings for the Day
- News
- Updates
- Road closures

#### Instagram

@Morgantown\_WV

- Stylized pictures from around the City













## The City of Morgantown

389 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505 www.morgantownwv.gov

## **City Hall Directory**

#### FIRST FLOOR

#### **FINANCE**

1: Finance Director J.R. Sabatelli

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

2: Chief Code Enforcement Officer Mike Stone

## **GRANT WRITING**

2: Dave Bott

## SECOND FLOOR

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

7: Director Debra Smyth

#### **LEGAL**

7: City Attorney Steve Fanok

7: City Attorney Brent Burton

## THIRD FLOOR

#### **CITY CLERK**

10: City Clerk Linda Little

10: Deputy City Clerk Bethany Sypolt

## **PLANNING**

12: Development Services Director

Christopher Fletcher 12: Principal Planner

12: Administrative Assistant

## **CITY MANAGER**

15: Administrative Assistant Carol Allen

15: City Manager Jeff Mikorski

15: Assistant City Manager of

Operations Glen Kelly

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

16: Public Communications Manager Susan Sullivan

#### **URBAN LANDSCAPING**

17: Urban Landscaping Specialist Marchetta Maupin

## **ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS**

18: Assistant City Engineer Damien Davis

21: Staff Engineer Trevor Lloyd

24: Engineer Rep 3: Margaret

Frankenberry

26: Administrative Secretary Barbara

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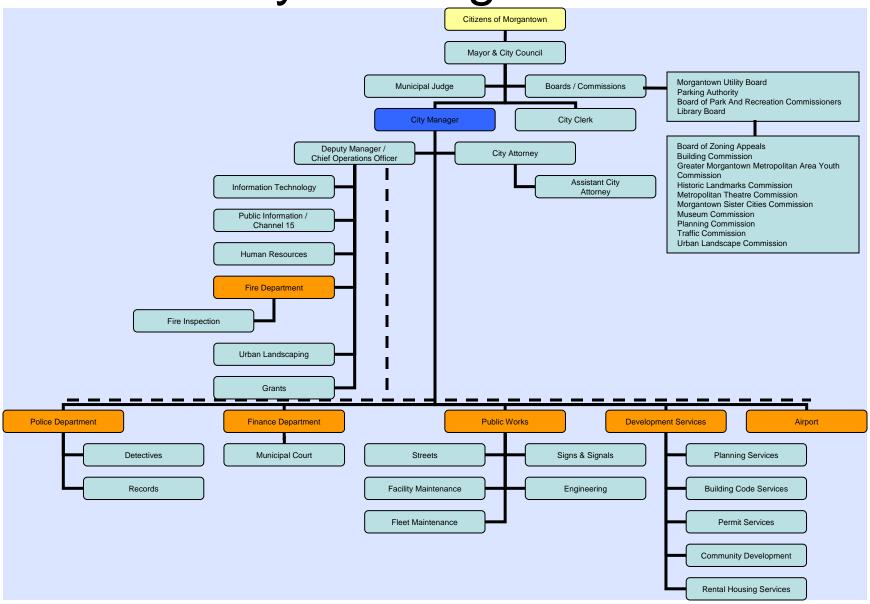
26: Public Works Director and City

Engineer Terry Hough

26: Assistant Public Works Director Lyle

**Matthews** 

City of Morgantown



# Morgantown City Council - updated 7/3/13

	Public List	
Name/Address	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
RON BANE	1	C - (304) 376-5518
720 Astor Avenue	Councilor	
Morgantown, WV 26501	citycouncilward1@cityofmorganto	wn.org
BILL KAWECKI	2	H - (304) 292-5154
324 Cobun Avenue	Councilor	
Morgantown, WV 26501	citycouncilward2@cityofmorgantown.org	
WES NUGENT	3	H - (304) 291-3403
126 Willowdale Road	Councilor	
Morgantown, WV 26505	citycouncilward3@cityofmorganto	wn.org
JENNY SELIN	4	C - (304) 685-6569
1224 Fairlawns Ave.	Mayor	
Morgantown, WV 26505	citycouncilward4@cityofmorganto	wn.org
MARTI SHAMBERGER	5	H - (304) 296-2090
812 Ridgeway Ave.	Deputy Mayor	
Morgantown, WV 26505	citycouncilward5@cityofmorgantown.org	
MIKE FIKE	6	H - (304) 291-2766
928 Vandalia Road	Councilor	
Morgantown, WV 26501	citycouncilward6@cityofmorgantown.org	
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NANCY GANZ	7	H - (304) 599-0953
1276 Colonial Drive	Councilor	
Morgantown, WV 26505	citycouncilward7@cityofmorgantown.org	

#### **CITY OF MORGANTOWN Contacts**

#### **Morgantown City Offices**

City of Morgantown 389 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505

As a rule of thumb, Morgantown City offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a lunch hour between 12 and 1 p.m. Most offices are closed during this time. These hours apply to the City Attorney's office, City Clerk's office, City Manager's office, Finance, Code Enforcement, Community Development and Public Works & Engineering. The heads of these departments do check their emails often, but a call first would be more effective. If no answer, a follow up email should do.

The City Communications office is open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. However, if the manager is out of the office during this time, she's available by cell phone at 304-290-5274.

Marchetta Maupin in Urban Landscaping is often busy out in the field. The best way to get in touch with that office is to call during regular business hours and leave a message, or send an email.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

(Police / Fire / Municipal Court / Parking Authority) 300 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505

#### **Morgantown Police**

Chief Ed Preston says he and his department are available for interviews Monday through Friday, during the day shift.

A day shift runs 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The afternoon shifts run 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Night shift is from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Chief Preston said police officers will normally not be available on weekends due to low staffing. However, he welcomes shooting "save" or "hold" stories for the weekends, and is willing to tape multiple stories at once.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 304-284-7522 (Emergency: Dial 911)

- Communications 304-284-7522
- Detectives 304-284-7454
- FAX (Dispatch) 304-284-7490
- Records 304-284-7493
- Special Services 304-284-7505
- Staff Services 304-284-7496
- Traffic 304-284-7492

## **Morgantown Fire**

Chief Mark Caravasos says he is available Monday through Friday during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any questions concerning department policy or administration should be directed to him during those times.

If you're looking for information about a fire, Chief Caravasos says the Duty Captain at Company 1 is available 24/7.

The Fire Marshall, Capt. Ken Tennant, is available Monday through Friday during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## **Municipal Court**

Hours

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Court Clerk's Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Court Schedule:

First Monday of each month: 3:00 p.m.

Each Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Each Thursday: 3:00 p.m.

Second Thursday of each month: 5:00 p.m.

Plea Day: Second Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m.

#### **MECCA 911**

Deputy Director Michael Wolfe of the Monongalia County Office of Homeland and Security Management shares these avenues for gathering information on emergency calls in Monongalia County.

#### Media Log

This is a current up to date listing of calls reported and dispatched in Monongalia County. By clicking on the Incident Number listing on the left side, you can see responding units, times and status codes. If you are unsure of the meaning of a status listed in a call, you may click the Status Code link in the top right side of the main page. MECCA 9-1-1 Supervisors or Telecommunicators, will not release any further information than what is listed on this page. Please contact the appropriate agency listed for more information.

#### MECCA Media Policy

The local news media (newspaper, radio and television) has a duty and obligation to inform the public of noteworthy events that happen in Monongalia County. In return MECCA has a responsibility to inform the media of all such noteworthy events to the best of its ability. The media will seek information from time to time regarding incidents such as fires, vehicle accidents, flooding, etc. The following procedures are to be adhered to by all Telecommunicators and shift supervisors:

- Only the shift supervisor should handle media calls.
- All media calls should be handled in a courteous and forthright manner in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this operations memo.

Information normally provided to the media includes the following:

- 1. Time of the incident.
- 2. Nature of the incident.
- 3. Agencies dispatched to the incident.
- 4. Contact numbers for responding agencies, if requested.

The following information shall not be divulged to the media at any time unless authorized:

Any information concerning fatalities. Refer all such calls to the responding law enforcement,
 EMS and fire agencies handling the incident.

- Information as to the extent of fire damage. Refer all calls to the Chief of the responding fire department.
- Number and/or nature of injuries during the course of an incident. Refer all calls to the Chief of the EMS and fire agencies handling the incident.
- Information regarding the suspicious nature of a fire. Such calls shall be referred to the responding fire department's Chief or the West Virginia State Fire Marshall's office.

If the activity in the communications center is of such high volume that speaking with a member of the media would be detrimental to MECCA operations, the shift supervisor shall ask the media caller to hold or call at a later time when the activity has lessened.

Should the shift supervisor encounter any difficulties in dealing with members of the media, such happenings shall be reported to the public information officer, who will then take the appropriate action necessary to rectify the problem.

During EOC activation all media calls are to be directed to the Public Communications Manager.

#### Other Municipalities in the Greater Morgantown Area

Westover City Hall Mayor Dave Johnson 304-296-6860 local.wv.gov/westover

Granville City Hall Mayor Patricia A. Lewis

304-599-5080 granvillewv.com

Star City City Hall Mayor Allen Sharp 304-599-3550 starcitywv.com

#### The City of Morgantown – General Contacts

A

ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR - 304-284-7405 FAX-304-284 -7430

CITY MANAGER - 304-284-7405 FAX (Manager's Office) -304-284-7430

AIRPORT MANAGER'S OFFICE 304-291-7461 FAX 304-291-7463

ANIMAL CONTROL 304-284-7405

City Animal Control contracted through the County K-9 adoption Center 304-291-7267

- Humane Society 304-296-6247
   Humane Officer (Sheriff-Deputy) 304-296-6424
- DNR (Wild Animals) 304-367-2720
- Monongalia County Canine Adoption Center 106 Lockside RoadMorgantown, WV 26505

Just across the Mon River Bridge, turn left onto River Road. About 1/2 mile out River Road, take your next Right. The Mon Canine Adoption Center is at the top of the hill past the recycling center.

ATTORNEY - 304-284-7451

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BOPARC – 304-296-8356 Ice Arena – 304-292-6865 Wiles Hill Senior Center – 304-296-7002

#### BUILDING INSPECTIONS -304-284-7401

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BUS (see Transit)
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C

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Morgantown Area 304-292-3311 FAX 304-296-6619

CITY CLERK -304-284-7434

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU — 304-292-5081 — www.tourmorgantown.com FAX: (304) 291-1354 68 Donley Street Morgantown, WV 26501

MUNICIPAL COURT -304-284-7487

#### D

Dominon Gas - 304-296-3481 - dom.com

E

CITY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS -304-284-7412

- Building Maintenance Signs/Signals 304-291-7459
- Streets and Storm Drains 304-291-7465
- Public Works Emergency and After 3:30- 304-291-7471
   FAX 304-291-7429

## POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

F

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Purchase 304-284-7421
- Payables -304-284-7419
- Fire Fees -304-284-7417
- Business & Occupation Tax/Business License -304-284-7488
- Cashier -304-284-7408

FIRE DEPARTMENT -304-284-7480 (Emergency - dial 911) - www.morgantownfd.org

- Training -304-284-7485
- Prevention -304-284-7486
- South High Station 5pm-8am 304-291-7475
- Wiles Hill Station 304-291-7479
- Norwood Station 304-291-7482

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#### **HEALTH**

- County Health Department 304-598-5100
- Morgantown CRISIS 304-291-7483

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MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY – 304-291-7425 - morgantown.lib.wv.us 373 Spruce Street Morgantown, WV 26505

#### **Hours**

Mon-Tues-Wed – 9:00 a.m.till 8:00 p.m.

Thur 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Fri 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Sat 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m

Hours of Operation Vary at Branch Locations

- Browns-Halleck 304-291-0703
- Cheat 304-594-1020
- Clay Battelle 304-432-8531

#### M

Main Street Morgantown - 304-292-0168 – downtownmorgantown.com

Mon Arts Center – monarts.com P.O. Box 239 107 High Street Morgantown, WV 26507 (304) 292-3325 Office (304) 292-3326 Fax info@monartscenter.com

**Hours** 

Monday - Friday 11 am - 7 pm Saturday 11 am - 4 pm Sunday by appointment only

Mon Power (First Energy Corporation) (24 hr.) 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) – firstenergycorp.com

MPO (Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization) - 304-291-9571 – plantogether.org Office at Morgantown Municipal Airport Hartman Run Road (off Mileground)

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PARKING AUTHORITY - 304-284-7436 / 304-284-7437 - parkmpa.com

PERSONNEL (HUMAN RESOURCES, Jobs) - 304-284-7451

CITY PLANNER - 304-284-7431

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 304-284-7522 (Emergency: Dial 911)

- Communications 304-284-7522
- Detectives 304-284-7454
- FAX (Dispatch) 304-284-7490
- Records 304-284-7493
- Special Services 304-284-7505
- Staff Services 304-284-7496
- Traffic 304-284-7492

#### R

RECREATION (BOPARC) 304-296-8356 – boparc.org FAX 304-296-8357

- Ice Rink 304-292-6865
- Senior Center 304-296-7002
- Krepps Pool 304-599-3362
- Marilla Pool 304-292-1743

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**SANITATION** 

- Republic Services (Allied Waste/BFI) 1-304-366-8900 or morgantownwv@republicservices.com
- Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority 304-292-3801 FAX 304-291-7288

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#### **TRANSIT**

Mountain Line Transit Authority – busride.org
 Dubant Board

DuPont Road Morgantown, WV 26501 304-296-3680

Fx: 304-291-7429 office@busride.org

Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM) Monday - Friday

• ACT (paratransit) Bus 304-293-7278

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#### UTILITY BOARD

- Morgantown Utility Board (MUB) 304-292-8443 mub.org
- Wastewater Treatment Plant 304-599-2111
- Water Treatment Plant 304-296-4322
- FAX 304-292-1526

## W

WVU Operator 304-293-0111